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For: **HEDGING EXCHANGE TRADED
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PORTFOLIO BASKET PRODUCTS**



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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98;
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 citing two (2) references, copies of which are provided; and
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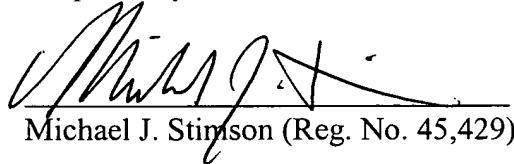
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the two (2) listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

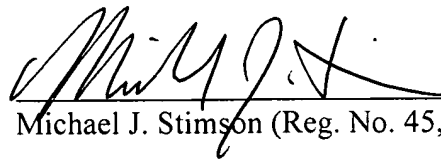
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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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	C1	"The Three Types of Factor Models: A Comparison of Their Explanatory Power," Gregory Connor, pp. 1-7.
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